CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A computer-implemented method employed within a network comprising:
- displaying a representation of a plurality of management beans (MBeans) registered
- 3 with an MBean server on a graphical user interface of a computing device;
- 4 selecting one of the plurality of MBeans displayed in the graphical user interface; and
- 5 accessing an attribute of the selected MBean with the graphical user interface.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the network has a cluster architecture; and wherein
- 2 displaying the representation of the plurality of MBeans registered with the MBean server
- 3 comprises:
- 4 displaying a representation of a plurality of MBeans registered with an MBean server,
- 5 wherein each of the displayed MBeans represents a manageable resource within a cluster of
- 6 application servers.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein displaying the representation of the plurality of
- 2 MBeans comprises:
- displaying a representation of a plurality of hierarchically organized MBeans.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein displaying the representation of the plurality of
- 2 hierarchically organized MBeans comprises:
- displaying a representation of a plurality of MBeans organized as a tree structure
- 4 having a root node.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the root node is an MBean representing the cluster of
- 2 application servers.

- 1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the tree structure further includes one or more server
- 2 nodes depending from the root node, wherein each server node is an MBean representing a
- 3 server of the cluster of application servers.
- 1 7. The method claim 6, wherein the tree structure further includes a kernel node
- 2 depending from each of the one or more server nodes, wherein the kernel node is an MBean
- 3 representing a kernel of the server node from which it depends.
- 1 8. The method of claim 6, wherein the tree structure further includes a library node
- 2 depending from at least one of the one or more server nodes, wherein the library node is an
- 3 MBean representing a library of the server from which it depends.
- 1 9. The method of claim 6, wherein the tree structure further includes a service node
- depending from at least one of the one or more server nodes, wherein the service node is an
- 3 MBean representing a service of the server from which it depends.
- 1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying one of the plurality of displayed MBeans
- 2 comprises:
- 3 selecting one of the plurality of displayed MBeans with a pointing device.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying one of the plurality of displayed MBeans
- 2 comprises:
- 3 selecting one of the plurality of displayed MBeans with a keyboard.
- 1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein accessing the attribute of the selected MBean with
- 2 the graphical user interface comprises:
- accessing an attribute of an MBean representing a cluster manager of the network.

- The method of claim 12, wherein accessing the attribute of the selected MBean
 representing the cluster manager comprises:
 accessing a queue size attribute of the MBean to determine a number of requests
- 4 waiting in a queue.
- 1 14. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
- 2 invoking an operation of the selected MBean with the graphical user interface.
- 1 15. An apparatus comprising:
- 2 a graphical user interface; and
- a processor and logic executable thereon to
- display a representation of a plurality of management beans (MBeans)
- 5 registered with an MBean server on the graphical user interface;
- 6 select one of the plurality of MBeans displayed one the graphical user
- 7 interface; and
- 8 access an attribute of the selected MBean with the graphical user interface.
- 1 16. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the processor and logic executable thereon to
- 2 display the representation of the plurality of MBeans registered with the MBean server
- 3 further comprises a processor and logic executable thereon to
- display a representation of a plurality of MBeans registered with an MBean server,
- 5 wherein each of the displayed MBeans represents a manageable resource within a cluster of
- 6 application servers.

- 1 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the processor and logic executable thereon to
- 2 display the representation of the plurality of MBeans registered with the MBean server
- 3 further comprises a processor and logic executable thereon to
- 4 display a representation of a plurality of MBeans organized as a tree structure having
- 5 a root node.
- 1 18. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the processor and logic executable thereon to
- 2 access the attribute of the selected MBean with the graphical user interface further comprises
- 3 a processor and logic executable thereon to
- 4 access an attribute of an MBean representing a cluster manager of the network.
- 1 19. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the processor and logic executable thereon further
- 2 comprises a processor and logic executable thereon to
- invoke an operation of the selected MBean with the graphical user interface.
- 1 20. A system comprising:
- a means for displaying a representation of a plurality of management beans (MBeans)
- 3 registered with an MBean server on a graphical user interface of a computing device;
- 4 a means for selecting one of the plurality of MBeans displayed in the graphical user
- 5 interface; and
- a means for accessing an attribute of the selected MBean with the graphical user
- 7 interface.
- 1 21. The system of claim 20, wherein the means for displaying the representation of the
- 2 plurality of management beans (MBeans) registered with the MBean server comprises:

- a means for displaying a representation of a plurality of MBeans registered with an
- 4 MBean server, wherein each of the displayed MBeans represents a manageable resource
- 5 within a cluster of application servers.
- 1 22. The system of claim 21, wherein the means for displaying the representation of the
- 2 plurality of MBeans comprises:
- a means for displaying a representation of a plurality of MBeans organized as a tree
- 4 structure having a root node.
- 1 23. The system of claim 20, wherein the means for accessing the attribute of the selected
- 2 MBean with the graphical user interface comprises:
- a means for accessing an attribute of an MBean representing a cluster manager of the
- 4 network.
- 1 24. The system of claim 23, further comprising:
- a means for invoking an operation of the selected MBean with the graphical user
- 3 interface.
- 1 25. An article of manufacture comprising:
- an electronically accessible medium providing instructions that, when executed by an
- 3 apparatus, cause the apparatus to
- display a representation of a plurality of management beans (MBeans) registered with
- 5 an MBean server on a graphical user interface of a computing device;
- 6 select one of the plurality of MBeans displayed in the graphical user interface; and
- access an attribute of the selected MBean with the graphical user interface.

- 1 26. The article of manufacture of claim 25, wherein the instructions that, when executed
- 2 by the apparatus, cause the apparatus to display the representation of the plurality of MBeans
- 3 registered with the MBean server on the graphical user interface further cause the apparatus
- 4 to
- 5 display a representation of a plurality of MBeans registered with an MBean server,
- 6 wherein each of the displayed MBeans represents a manageable resource within a cluster of
- 7 application servers.
- 1 27. The article of manufacture of claim 26, wherein the instructions that, when executed
- by the apparatus, cause the apparatus to display the representation of the plurality of MBeans
- 3 registered with an MBean server on the graphical user interface further cause the apparatus to
- 4 display a representation of a plurality of hierarchically organized MBeans.
- 1 28. The article of manufacture of claim 27, wherein the instructions that, when executed
- 2 by the apparatus, cause the apparatus to display the representation of the plurality of
- 3 hierarchically organized MBeans further cause the apparatus to
- 4 display a representation of a plurality of MBeans organized as a tree structure having
- 5 a root node.
- 1 29. The article of manufacture of claim 25, wherein the instructions that, when executed
- by the apparatus, cause the apparatus to access the attribute of the selected MBean with the
- 3 graphical user interface further cause the apparatus to
- 4 access an attribute of an MBean representing a cluster manager of the network.
- 1 30. The article of manufacture of claim 25, wherein the electronically accessible medium
- 2 providing instructions that, when executed by an apparatus, further cause the apparatus to
- invoking an operation of the selected MBean with the graphical user interface.